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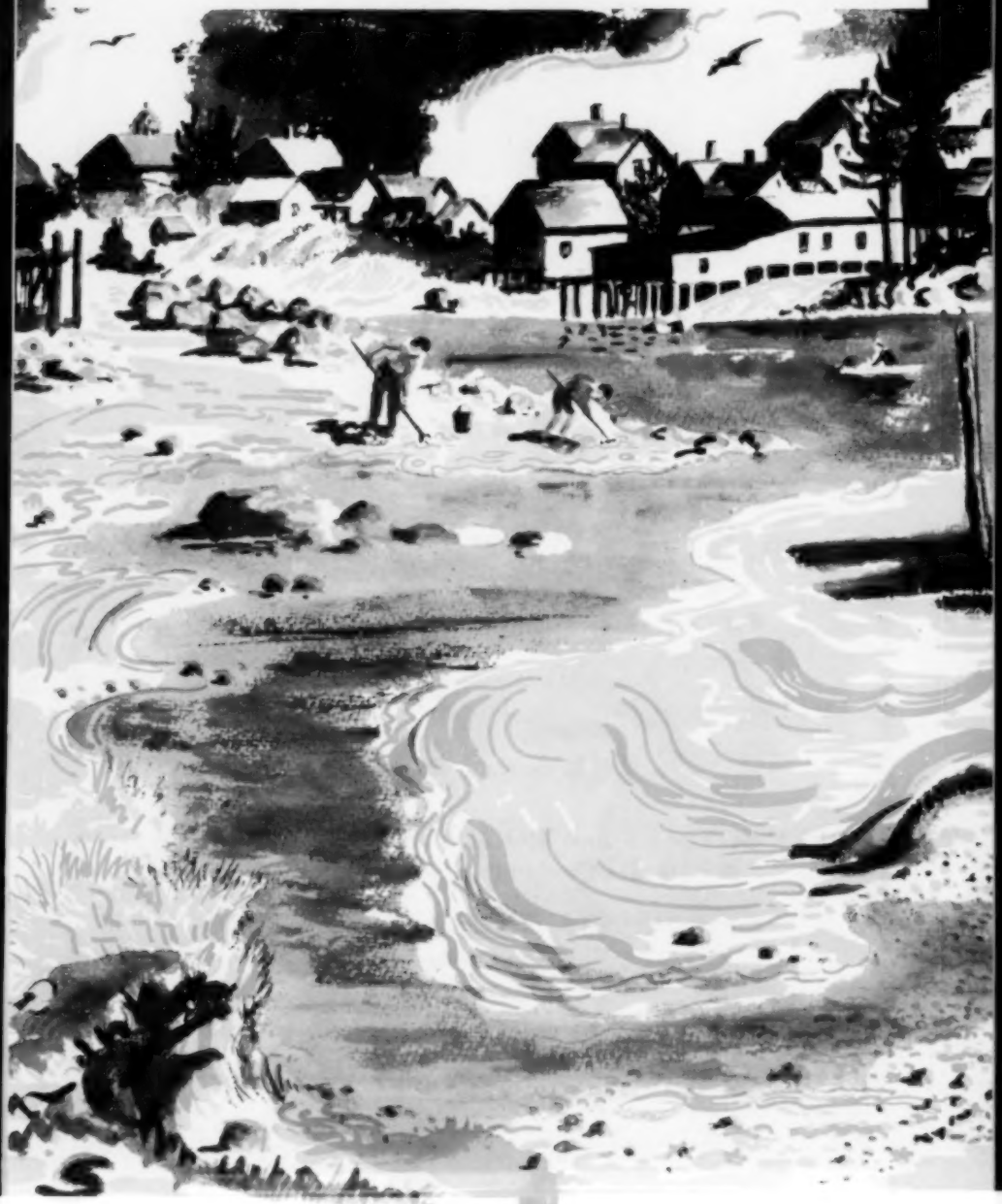

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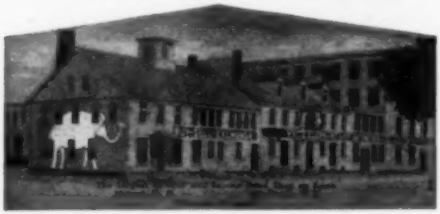

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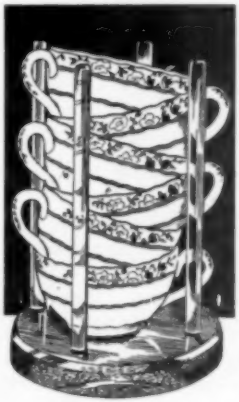

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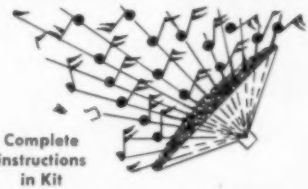

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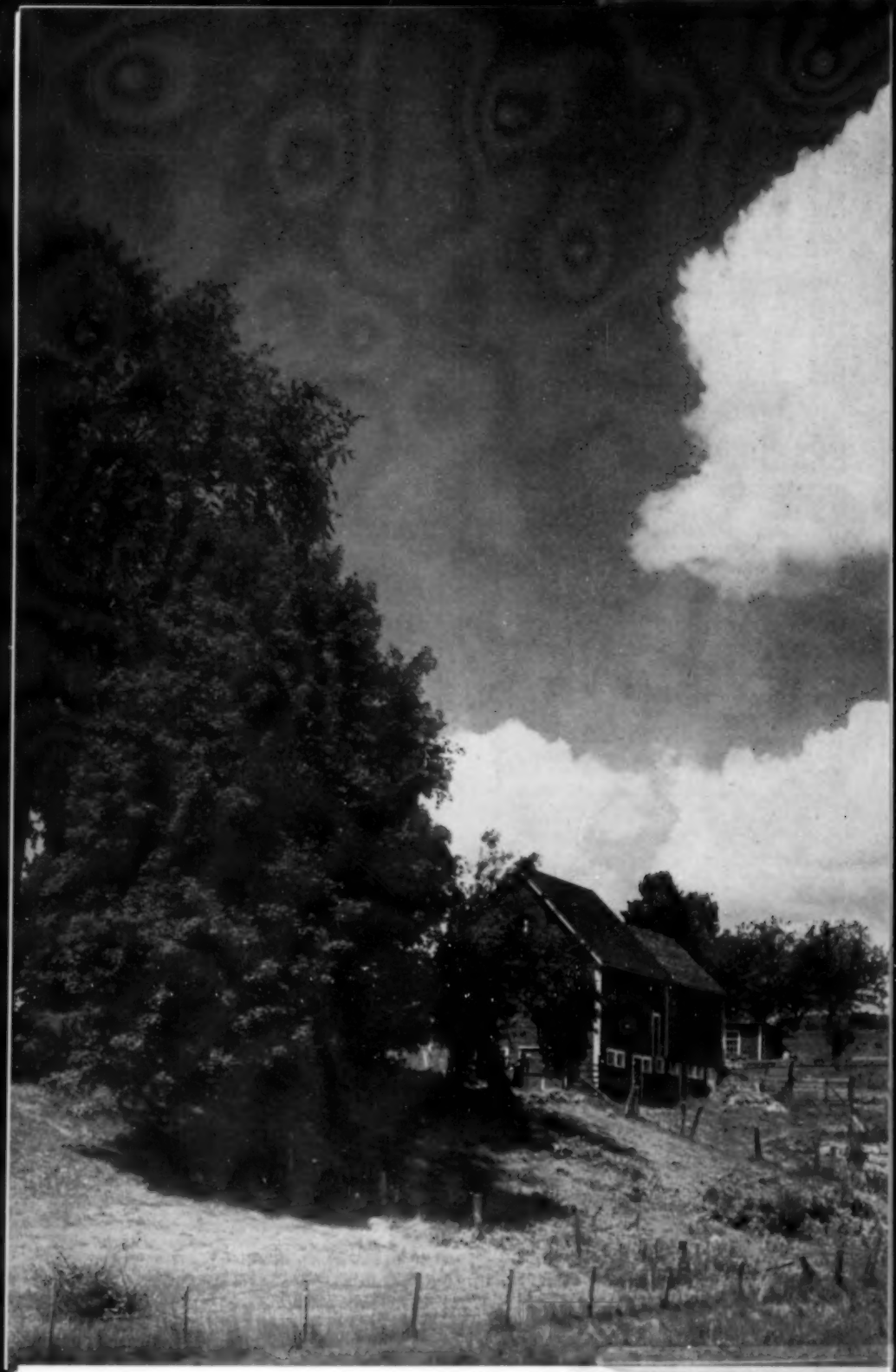

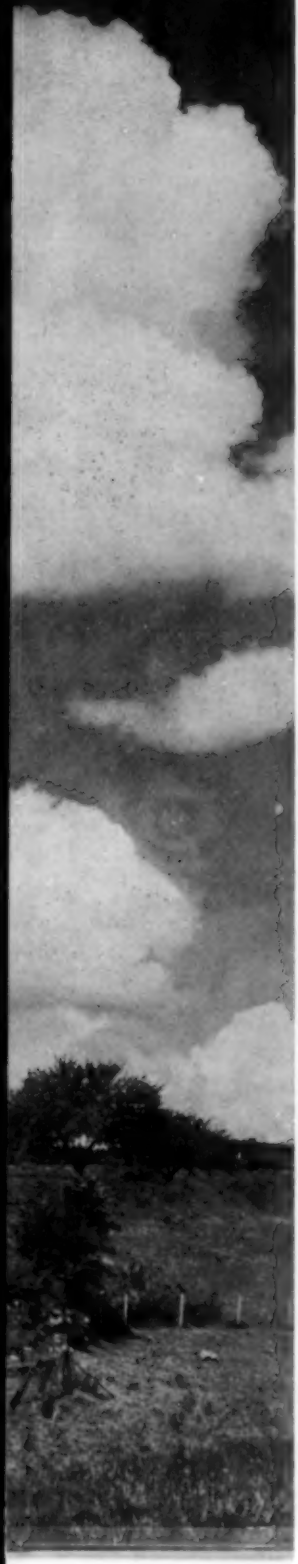

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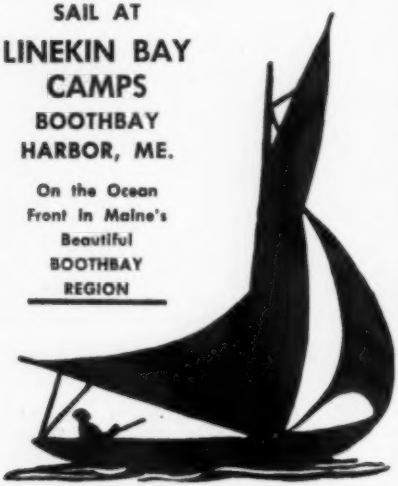

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Antique-Chasers: Remember that there will be an Antique Show in the Town Hall in Exeter, New Hampshire, from June 6th to 10th. And that reminds us . . . When you start dreaming up club and community events for next winter, examine this idea. In February, a federated garden club of thirty-five members in Georgetown, Massachusetts, sponsored a flower show called "Antiques on Parade." The exhibition combined competitive displays of artistic arrangements with the showing of antiques and reproductions from local craftsmen and shopkeepers, since all arrangements were built around antique containers.

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The Boston Arts Festival is to be held from June 14th to 30th this year, two full weeks planned so that Bostonians and visitors may get their fill of art, music, drama and dance. Among the many scheduled events we find that e. e. cummings, who was named winner of the 1957 Boston Arts Festival Poetry Award, will introduce a previously unpublished poem and read from his other works. This annual Festival has inspired many families to combine it with sight-seeing in and around Boston.

An unusual piece of literature is that prepared by Harry and Dorothy Davega, owners of the Red Barn in Westport, Connecticut, since it includes the authors' selection of thirty-four outstanding New England restaurants and inns that measure up to their own high standards of excellence. The folder even sports a neat little map with the eating places nicely spotted. A good way to pick up this fine Guide to Country Dining in New England is to make your first stop at the Red Barn!

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In Marion, Massachusetts, the Old Stone Studio also puts great emphasis on the personal touch, and combines good cooking with the hospitality of its studio hearth. Built in the early eighteenth century as an oil refinery, the stone building became a studio in the 80's when Richard Watson Gilder, poet and editor of the *Century Magazine,* bought it and converted it for his own use and that of his artist wife. The Gilders' visitors numbered President Cleveland, who prepared his first inaugural message there, Joe Jefferson, Saint Gaudens, Charles Dana Gibson, and others.

In Vermont a hilltop farmhouse carries the pleasant name of Holiday Hill, and boasts a panoramic view of the Green Mountains and the Adirondacks. In the farmhouse itself there are six bedrooms, and cottages that accommodate two or three are placed around the meadow in such a way that each has its own breathtaking view. Another engaging name is that of Hickory Stick Farm, in Laconia, New

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Feeling old? Forget it! We are reminded that the Flume, at Franconia Notch in New Hampshire, was discovered in 1803 by a 93-year-old woman, Aunt Jess Guernsey. And what was she doing there? Trout fishing!

Tea and cinnamon sticks and frosted sponge squares add up to laughing children's voices in a safe, directed play center summer and winter in the small community of Wenham, Massachusetts.

How does tea, a buffet luncheon, a hand-knit sweater have any possible connection with the correct swing of a tennis racket in a teen-agers hand? A most direct relationship any member of the Wenham Village Improvement Society will insist, for it is through the operation of the Wenham Exchange, Hobbs House and the Tea House that a carefully planned year round sports program for children from the age of four through the teens is carried on by the Improvement Society.

There are similar examples of it in every town across the country and more especially in New England, but never does it cease to be a wonder, the paths that can be smoothed, the "mountains" that can be moved, the standards raised by a small group of women working together. Such a group is the Wenham Village Improvement Society, Inc., now in its 64th year.

In addition to keeping up the playground and employing four trained instructors, flooding and lighting the grounds for skating in the winter, the Society through its Tea Room and Exchange will give $2000 this year in scholarships, supports the Girl and Boy Scout troops, donates to the Beverly Hospital, the North Shore Babies Hos-

Main building of the Wenham Tea House.

pital, the Visiting Nurse Service, the Community Service Committee, the Fireman's Relief Assoc.

It provides a free luncheon on Town Meeting day, this it has done for years. One of its special interests is the Historical House and Museum across the street from the Tea House which depends largely on the annual generous gift of the society. The Museum which is unique in that it has four special exhibits a year in addition to the year round display, is open daily from 1 to 4 in the afternoon and houses one of the largest doll collections in the world.

In the main building, a pretty old fashioned house turned shop, is the Main Exchange room where the loveliest in china, glass, linen and jewelry may be purchased. It is becoming increasingly difficult to find women who can knit, sew and cook for the Exchange as they did in 1910 when this project was started and so these articles are supplemented through the efforts of Mrs. E. L. Mitchell who is in charge of the buying and the very finest in china, glass, linen and jewelry is invitingly arranged and the sun shines through the windows of the old house and lights up crystal, silver and china of the one-of-a-kind variety.

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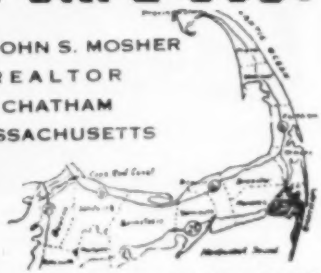

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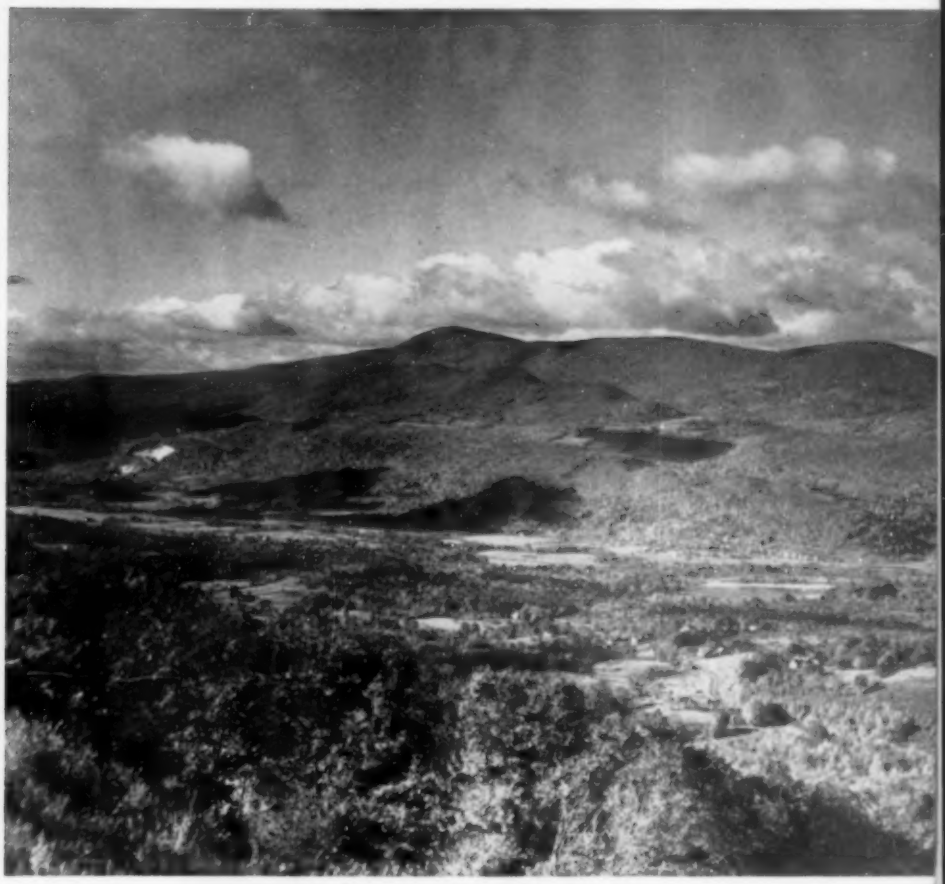

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by W. T. ARMS

The Canonade Heard 'Round New England

THAT THE GUNS AT AMERICA'S first great fight for independence were heard more than 100 miles from the famed battleground near Bunker Hill, is a New England legend which has persisted for nearly two centuries. Today, the answer to this enigma of early Revolutionary times may be near solution, thanks to a local history project and a well-timed note to a major general inquiring about recent unexplained rumblings in the New England hills—rumblings so loud that dishes rattled on pantry shelves and farm dogs took to shelter under household furniture.

The story is this: While working on a New England town history, the writer, a World War II "sound sleuth," ran across a yarn which told of Minute Men in fields near Leyden, Massachusetts hearing distant gunfire on June 17th 1775—the day 1400 raw Yankee recruits held their ground against 3800 crack British red coats backed by the big guns of His Majesty's navy. So sure were the Leyden men that "blood was again spilled in defense of their country," they dropped their field tools and headed posthaste toward the sound of the cannon which they rightly believed near Boston, 100 miles away.

Tying in this unique "call to arms" with the puzzling rumbles recently heard in and around Leyden, was a natural sequence. After it was clear that neither jet planes, thunder, moving freight cars or blasting were likely causes of the distant boomings, the commanding officer of the nearest Army Post, 52 air miles distant, was contacted. Definite information was given as to the exact time of day a series of thunderous explosions had been heard in the hills of Leyden. Our communication also mentioned the Bunker Hill legend, suggesting that if the artillery at the Army Post could now be heard 52 miles away, it was possible that the ancient Bunker Hill fable about the far-reaching gun sounds, might be more fact than fiction.

Nothing was heard from this communication through the mails, but within a few days a front page story appeared in the local newspaper telling about our attempts to solve the Bunker Hill gun riddle. In substance this article read:

> Fort Devens authorities recently received a communication from Leyden asking if around noon on March 12th there was artillery firing on the Post Ranges. The answer is: Yes.
>
> About noon on March 12th, 105 mm howitzers were following a

firing pattern for a space of time, the guns being fired at regulated intervals.

Investigations and questions asked of personnel trained in the sonic sciences reveal that under certain favorable conditions it is possible to hear heavy gunfire at unusual distances. These conditions prevailed on March 12th and this confirmation may well be the justification for the ancient Bunker Hill gun legends which have plagued historians for generations.

Shortly after this news item appeared, an invitation was received from the Fort Devens commanding officer, Major General Bryan L. Milburn, requesting our presence at the fort on Army Day. The General had learned of our ancestor's part at Bunker Hill and as a Minute Man on the Lexington alarm. "We would be most happy," he wrote, "to welcome the great-grandson of one of Washington's officers to this largest military installation in New England to show him many interesting displays depicting today's Army." The General evidently thought this is a good opportunity to encourage the "Minute Man" spirit of alertness.

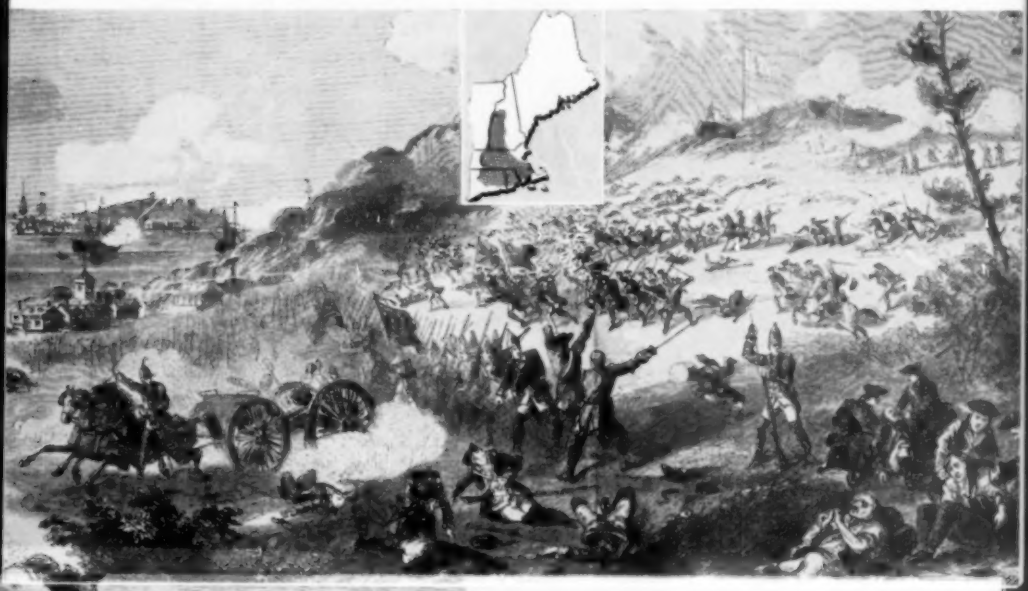
Following the Fort Devens visit, things moved fast. One of the New England news services picked up the Bunker Hill gun story, and as a result, letters and telephone calls were frequent—even the Boston radio picked up the yarn. One solicitous relative wrote she had heard of our being involved in a "localized earthquake" and hoped we had come through unscathed!

A newsman in Portland, hearing we had first experienced gunfire sounds at age ten when vacationing twenty-two miles from the Fort Williams cannon, ran a front page story on the Bunker Hill tale, thus introducing Maine to the "fable" and at the same time "scooping" the significant fact that we had lived at a spot on Casco Bay called "Gun Point" during our initiation into distant gunfire detection.

In fact, there was so much interest aroused by the newspaper versions of the Bunker Hill gun noise story, and so much controversial talk was set going throughout New England, we decided to do a thorough job on the subject to find out, if possible, whether those Bunker Hill guns actually were heard over 100 miles inland, or whether the whole thing was just another Yankee yarn.

From the start, results looked encouraging. After some digging, it soon became apparent that not only Leyden had

British men-o-war, left, and land batteries caused most of the booming sound heard as far away as Hanover, New Hampshire. Map shows area in which the guns were heard.



In the immediate area of the battle, residents of Copps Hill climbed out on the rooftops and eagerly watched the fight.

a Bunker Hill gun legend, but towns all up and down the Connecticut Valley nurtured similar "fables." The History of Jaffrey, New Hampshire added substantially to the list of legends, while numerous reports came in from scattered points in Vermont and Massachusetts. In all about fourteen Bunker Hill gun noise legends were collected and some of these originated with citizens of very high standing.

President Eleezer Hitchcock of Dartmouth College, writing to the Governor of Connecticut, Monday, June 19th 1775 said: "Last Saturday we heard the noise of cannon, we suppose at Boston, and we now are impatient to be informed of the occasion and the event." This was quoted in the Jaffrey History. It was written in Hanover, 112 airline miles from the battle!

Reverend Laban Ainsworth, first pastor of the Jaffrey church and student at Dartmouth in 1775, is quoted as having heard the report of ordnance at the Battle of Bunker Hill while at Hanover. Reports to the same effect come from Jaffrey itself where workers shingling the meeting house are said to have heard the Bunker Hill boomings, 182 years ago.

Colonel James Ripley, a settler in Cornish, N. H. wrote to his sister: "We arrived in Cornish on the 14th day of June 1775, and on the seventeenth the sound of cannon thundered through the woods."

Similar records came, via historian George A. Duncan, from Plymouth, Lebanon, Washington and Dublin, New Hampshire, while Hartford, Vermont provided another long-distance gun noise story.

Massachusetts contributed Bunker Hill legends from Worcester, Winchendon, Townsend, Chesterfield and Cummington. In Cummington, the uncle of New England's famed poet, William Cullen Bryant, is reported as having heard a faraway cannonading on that famous June Day—a canonading "which proved to be the onset at Bunker Hill."

British ordnance records reveal the surprising fact that the guns at the Battle of Bunker Hill—the Paul Revere guns—probably created the greatest bedlam ever experienced in New England. And, too, this is something we did not realize: About 95% of the racket, which persisted from 4 A.M. to 5 P.M., came not from Bunker Hill (or Breeds Hills where the Yankees actually were entrenched) but from the guns of the British battleships, the British gunboats and the British land batteries in and around Boston harbor.

The four known British men-of-war which belched smoke and noise and cannon balls toward the American redoubt on Breeds Hill were His Majesty's ships: *Somerset*, 68 guns; *Lively*, 20 guns; *Glasgow*, 20 guns; *Falcon*, 16 guns. This adds up to 124 guns which, according to official British naval records, could explode 824 pounds of powder. Add to this the explosive poundage of the British shore batteries, floating batteries and gunboats, and some idea of the huge noise-making potential of the British guns may be gleaned.

The Yankees, under Prescott, Putnam and Stark were limited to six light field guns, and their muskets, so the American noise-making power on Bunker Hill Day was negligible compared with the thunderous British uproar which historians tell us was, happily, more noisy than effective.

The next important step in the Bunker Hill gun noise mystery was to find out

just what the weather was on that memorable June day, 182 years ago. It's an established fact that if gun sounds are to be heard far from their source, weather conditions might be right, particularly wind direction. According to sound experts, the wind should have been light east or southeast on Bunker Hill Day if the battle noises were to carry many miles inland.

With this in mind, the Blue Hills Observatory in Medford was contacted in the hope we might track down the winds of June 17th 1775. The observatory discovered a journal by John Jeffries of Boston in which he recorded "Fair and Very Hot" for Bunker Hill Day. This entry agreed with five other historians of the American Revolution, but it did not give the vital clue—wind direction.

However, after consulting the 1775 Harvard weather diary of Professor John Winthrop, and with the added valuable help of Don Kent, New England's modern weather man, it appeared virtually certain that Bunker Hill Day dawned fair and windless; that a light sea breeze sprang up from the northeast about 10 A.M., shifted to east by noon (the time the heavy cannonading began) and moved around to the southeast by 3:30 P.M. In other words, the winds, from noon to 4 P.M., the period of greatest noise intensity, were ideal for carrying the battle sounds far inland. A glance at the Bunker Hill battle picture, (with background in the west), bears out the theory of an easterly wind during the fight. The fact that the majority of Bunker Hill gun legends come from towns in line with east or southeast winds, also confirms our theory.

To sum up the new findings: On March 12th (and on several occasions since then) the sound of 105 mm howitzers firing 52 miles from Leyden was heard on an easterly wind. The powder charge of these guns was found to be about 10 pounds maximum with only one gun firing at a time. Later, sounds from large fireworks displays, set off at a known distance from the observer and with known explosive charges, checked with the Fort Devens observations.

From conservative estimates, it is believed that the maximum noise producing power of the British and American guns at Bunker Hill was equal to about 200 pounds of powder exploded at one time, or twenty times the charge of the Devens' guns.

Leading sound experts at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, much interested in our experiment, give us figures which show that the boomings at Bunker Hill could have traveled about 4.4 times as far as the sounds from the Devens guns (4.4 times 52) or 228 miles.

With this in mind, the Hanover, New Hampshire and other Bunker Hill gun noise legends do not seem at all impossible. Verified records reveal that the guns of Gettysburg carried inland 150 miles to Greensburg, Pennsylvania; while large explosive charges, heard in Paris, are known to have carried 230 miles.

We conclude our story with a quote from the Chase "History of Hanover and Dartmouth College" in which the author comments on the Bunker Hill gun noises reported from various points in New England:

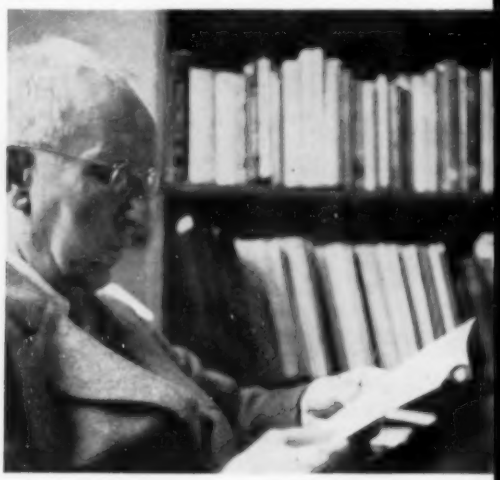
> "The sounds were universally attributed to the Battle of Bunker Hill and were certainly contemporaneous with it. They could indeed have come from no other source. Strange as the facts appear, they are too well authenticated to be doubted."

ENTERING THE GROLIER BOOK SHOP (it's in Harvard Square, Cambridge, on Plympton Street) is more like going into a study than into a store. For one thing the shop isn't on the street level: you have to go up five steps to it, and you have to struggle with the door, which is heavy and binds a bit in its frame. Inside, the high walls, which, like the swinging-type sign outdoors, could do with a wash-down and some fresh paint, are lined with bookshelves halfway up. They contain the modern first editions in which the shop specializes. Two tables joined together in the center of the room hold what new books haven't tumbled over one another in the window. Gordon Cairnie, the proprietor, usually sits on a long leather couch under the window (a couch which has warmed the buttocks of many a writer) reading books or catalogues, or talking with his friends. He's a small man of Scotch descent, with a mischievous smile and a hint of John Bull in his pink checks, sparse, wispy hair, and thin, almost unnoticeable mustache. On the far side of the tables are a couple of chairs in which customers may be sampling wares, eating the free lunch of bookstore reading. No counter, no cash register, no telephone, no fluorescent lights. All the store belongs to the customer—and Gordon.

The owner runs it in his own way. He rarely opens before noon, and he doesn't open then on days when there is snow shoveling or grass cutting to be done at home or a sale of something he wants to wear in Filene's Basement. The other day, when I went by the store about one in the afternoon, I saw a woman walk up the steps, try the door, and turn away, muttering a vexed, "When *is* he open?" Gordon opens and closes when he's a mind to. After he's well open, if he wants a cup of coffee or a spot of lunch, he lopes around the corner in his Groucho Marx forward crouch, leaving the store in the charge of whatever customer happens to be there. If no customer is in, he leaves the door unlocked, knowing the next man

A Bookstore Run

Cairnie opens and closes his bookstore when he pleases — in his own sweet way.



in will take over for him. Many of his best customers have keys, and sometimes they will open the shop and run it for a time, leaving money and notes for the proprietor on the table. It's a community enterprise and center.

A few of his customers are so short-sighted as to protest about this socialization of business; they think he should be there regularly from nine to six, six days a week, for their convenience and his profit. Gordon has different ideas. A business that can't support itself is no business for him.

Gordon drifted into the book business, but you couldn't dynamite him out of it. Born in Coaticook, a small town in the Province of Quebec, just over the Vermont line, he served overseas in World War I as a buck private with the Canadian Army, a service about which he has tales to tell. Later he graduated from Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph, to become a potato inspector in Manitoba and Prince Edward Island. When a relative left him some money, he came to Cambridge, in 1922, to study at Harvard, first landscape architecture, then English. He went to classes, did the reading, but seldom bothered to take examinations. Instead he bought books until he had so many piled up in his rooms in Divinity Hall he had to hire a room to house them. So he and a fellow student combined their books and opened the present Grolier Book Shop. He later bought out the partner. Later still he married a girl with Nova Scotia ties, and today they send their daughter to McGill. The Canadian bond was and is strong: Canada will always be his Eden; but he's also proud of his connection with the early American novelist Lydia Maria Child, whose books he collects.

He's the most popular merchant in Harvard Square. People like him and confide in him. His earthy frankness, a holdover from his agricultural days, earns their confidence, frees them from their habitual (*Continued on page 76*)

For Fun *by* HORACE REYNOLDS

Poet Robert Graves, left, and Alastair Reid browse through books and chat with Cairnie.

The Psychic Dog

by A. B. Stockbridge

Although this story may seem incredible to those who are unfamiliar with the mysterious workings of the sea, old-timers along the Gloucester, Massachusetts waterfront vouch for its truth. It happened near the turn of the century, back in the days of sail, when Gloucester had no close competitors as the world's leading fishing port. Even the circumstances under which this dog made his first appearance in fishing folklore are almost unbelievable.

The scene for his dramatic entrance into the Gloucester picture was laid in the North Atlantic about three hundred miles from the nearest land. On a beautiful day in early spring one of the crack schooners was homeward bound, "loaded to the scuppers," after a long hard trip to the Grand Banks. Visibility was exceptionally good and the sea was unusually smooth for those waters—but not a sail or a telltale column of smoke was in sight. One of the crew went to the lee rail to empty the slop bucket for the cook when his eye spotted a dark object in the water almost dead ahead. It is by no means out of the ordinary to encounter flotsam of every description on the high seas and little attention is paid to it unless it is something to endanger shipping. For some unexplained reason this looked different from the usual run of debris and he called it to the attention of some of the other members of the crew. Much speculation was advanced as to what it might be and one said it looked to him as if it were the body of a colored man. The captain was notified but when they were near enough to make identification positive it proved to be a large Newfoundland dog. He was not only alive but was swimming vigorously toward them. The captain "hove the vessel to" and they soon had him safely aboard. No one ever rescued at sea was more appreciative than that dog.

When they reached port inquiries were started to find out how so fine an animal came to be in that unusual situation and they lasted for the lifetime of the dog. Newfoundland dogs are said to be as much at home in the water as on the land but three hundred miles for a casual swim is a little too much even for such a noble breed. All ports of the maritime provinces of Canada and those of the New England coast denied any knowledge of the lone seafarer. No clue was ever found that shed any light on his origin and it remains a mystery to this day.

He became a great favorite along the Gloucester waterfront but the vessel that rescued him was always his home and he made every trip with her. No matter who the captain was or what type of fishing the vessel engaged in, she was always among the "highliners," and the dog was given credit for bringing good luck. This went on for a number of years until one season when she was again "fitted out" for "banking."

As the day of sailing approached the dog began to show signs of restlessness and when the day arrived his agitation was apparent to everyone. No amount of coaxing could get him aboard. He showed his disapproval by loud barking which was very unusual for him. One of the crew shrugged his shoulders and said they would probably have a "broker" if the dog wouldn't go. But his refusal had more significance than that.

They sailed without him—the vessel rounded Eastern Point, disappeared into the offing, and hasn't been "seen nor heard tell of since."

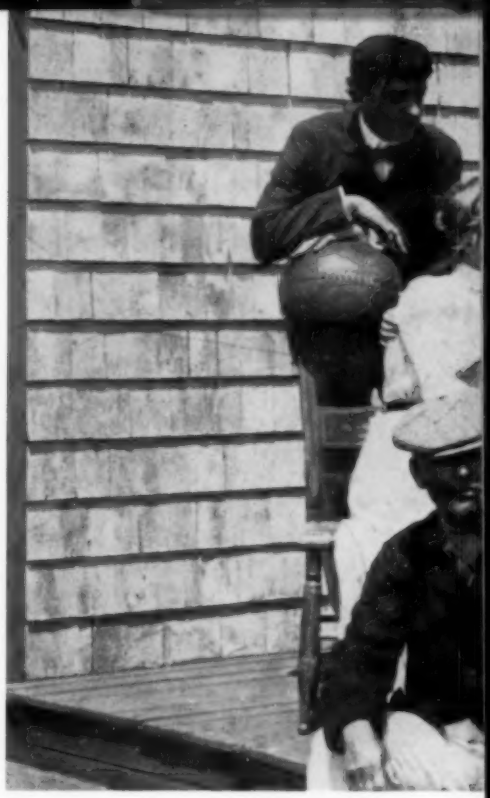
SALTWATER BOOM

ONE SLICE OF NEW ENGLAND'S $100,000,000 forestry life was caught by YANKEE'S camera last Fall at Southport, Maine. A little different than the usual spruce-fir operation, this one began on an island, the logs were then towed to the mainland where, as you see, they were then fished from the water, hauled up a carrier, loaded on a truck and carried overland to one of Maine's hungry paper mills. The artistry of the scene, invigorated by the skill of the workers, made for a memorable occasion—even as did the interesting winding drive off Route 1 to get there.

Clams Are Where You Find 'Em

by Eric Wahleen

There is a remarkable similarity between big game hunters and clam diggers. Both go armed to the teeth, eager, aggressive and ferociously determined to outwit any beast or clam that tries to get the best of them. Clams don't greet the early morning sun with a song, neither do they hiss or bark—they spit. The clam-digger does not waste time spitting back. Clams live about nine inches below the surface of the sand. Some clam-diggers claim that clams can skiddo like greased lightning. The clam is probably six feet to the left and laughing up his foot at digger's antics. All the clam-digger gets for his efforts is a well-soaked shoe. There is no legal limit on the number of shoes that may be dug up, but the experienced clam-digger considers such maneuvers a waste of time. The clam-hunters have reached their legal limit when they extract 20 pounds of clams, including shells, per digger. As the sun sets on another day of strenuous activity, the hunters, tired but happy, leave the scene knowing that clams are where you find 'em.



This New England

by RICHARD C. BEER

'Sconset's Broadway Heyday

IT WAS A DULL, ISOLATED, LITTLE seaside spot. A very few people discovered it in the Eighties, when it was nothing more than a fishing village strung along a forty foot bluff on the eastern shore of Nantucket Island. From that bluff you overlooked the entire Atlantic ocean, stretching clear to Spain without interruption, and the air was marvellous. The big excitement back then was to watch the dorymen bring their craft in through the surf at the close of day. There were two hotels—the "Ocean View" and the "Atlantic House."

In the Nineties it was about the same. The same grass-bordered dirt lanes led between the same rows of small shingled cottages. Sixty dollars would rent you one for the season, provided you didn't mind horsehair furniture and a total lack of plumbing. But there were signs of progress. The narrow gauge tracks of the Nantucket Central Railroad had been extended to Siasconset, and you could now cover the nine miles from Nantucket town in a fast thirty-five minutes. People actually came from distant cities like Detroit, St. Louis and Cleveland to enjoy the quiet and the cool air.

Some writer of those days said that 'Sconset was "like a village spilled out of a toy-box and left in the sun." Which is about right. It was that simple.

Even in 1900 there still wasn't a hard-surfaced road or an electric globe in the place. Water ran by grace of creaking windmills or was hand-pumped from cisterns. Candles and coal oil—purchased from the one grocery—were the only means of illumination, and there was frequently a flavor of kerosene in the butter. Come sunset, a man armed with a ladder drove around in a buggy lighting street lanterns that sat on top of posts. There may have been a dozen of them all told. They cast a wan yellow glow that had a

Dressed in sports clothes of the era, a group of actors lounge on the porch of a 'Sconset cottage. Below: "The Square" — meetingplace for the summer residents.

radius of about ten feet. The rest was darkness.

At half-past eight, or therabouts, the Nantucket Central made its last trip of the day, and for an hour or so people gathered around the dim little post office waiting for the mail to be sorted. Then it was all over, and by ten o'clock you were at home in bed reading "The Gentleman From Indiana" or "The Crossing" by candlelight, and there wasn't a sound except the crickets and the soft, sedative crash of the surf.

During daylight hours, life centered around the triangular "square," which had the post office and the newsstand for its base. The latter sold "college ices," Lowney's chocolates, Necco sweets, almond "kisses" and popcorn bars. Also—when they arrived—the New York *Times, World, Herald, Tribune* and *Sun*. In the magazine racks were such publications as *The Literary Digest, Century, Outlook,*

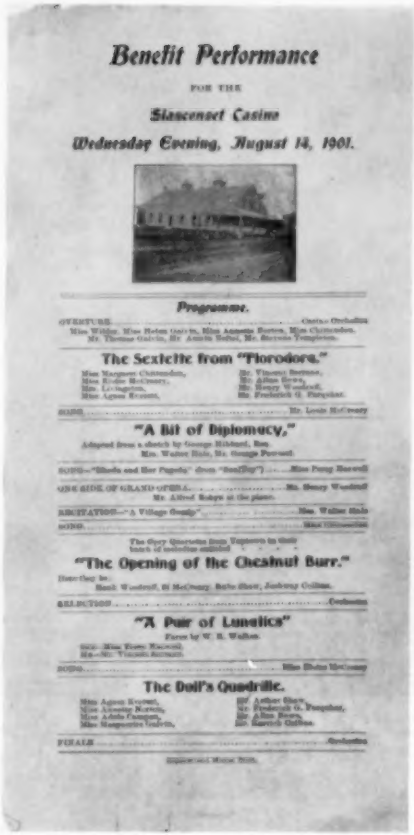
Youth's Companion, Puck, Town Topics and George Horace Lorimer's *Saturday Evening Post.*

At two p.m. there might be half a dozen fringe-topped surreys placidly waiting for passengers to the golf links—a mile out on the Main Road. (You can still play over the same course.) Off to your right was the barn-like Casino, erected in 1900, and three pretty bad tennis courts. At your immediate left was the L-shaped Annex of the Ocean View Hotel, dripping stalactites of carpenter's Gothic. Farther around to your left was the three-storied barracks of the Ocean View proper, with its long straight corridors that smelled of paint and fog-dampened cocoa matting. The proprietor of this establishment was a thin, gray man named "Doc" Powers. He also owned a silver cornet on which, at the end of the season, he blew farewell to his guests at the railroad station as the train pulled out. And the tune he blew, for reasons which you will understand, was "Give My Regards to Broadway."

At two p.m. the ping of bicycle bells was nearly constant, and there might be as many as thirty people clustered around the post office. The ladies wore ankle length white duck skirts, sailor blouses and strange straw hats skewered into place by protuberant steel pins. The gentlemen's attire was also casual—bandana handkerchiefs folded about the neck, striped shirtsleeves and pipes. One or two of them affected the tight sort of knickerbockers drawn by Howard Chandler Christie. From a distance they all resembled ordinary human beings. They weren't.

For once upon a time—and it will never happen again—this little-known and unregarded village of 'Sconset was *the* actors' colony of America.

Do you doubt it? Take the slender man with deep-set brown eyes who is rolling his own cigarette. That's Joseph Jefferson, the younger, who began his stage career as a super in his illustrious father's "Rip Van Winkle" company. Take the very blonde, exceedingly handsome man who talks as though he were standing in a spotlight. That's Henry Woodruff, mat-



Benefit Performance

FOR THE

Siasconset Casino

Wednesday Evening, August 14, 1901.

Programme.

OVERTURE ..... Casino Orchestra

Miss Willey, Miss Helen Guirin, Miss Augusta Bowen, Miss Chittenden, Mr. Thomas Guirin, Mr. Amelia Bethel, Mr. Stevens Tompkins.

The Sextette from "Florodora."

Miss Margaret Chittenden, Miss Emilie McCreary, Miss Livingston, Miss Agnes Bryant, Mr. Vincent Bertine, Mr. Allen Gray, Mr. Henry Woodruff, Mr. Frederick G. Pangbur.

SONG ..... Mr. Louis McCreary

"A Bit of Diplomacy,"

Adapted from a sketch by George Hibbard, Esq.

Mrs. Walter Hale, Mr. George Pervear.

SONG—"Shells and Her Pagoda" from "Sue (Toy)" ..... Miss Fanny Harwell

ONE SIDE OF GRAND OPERA ..... Mr. Henry Woodruff

Mr. Alfred Robyn at the piano.

RECITATION—"A Village Goody" ..... Mrs. Walter Hale

SONG ..... Miss Chittenden

The Gypsy Quartette from Vagabond in Gold

Match of melodies enlisted

"The Opening of the Chestnut Burr."

Here they be:

Hank Woodruff, Al McCreary, Baby Hale, Jackson Collins.

SELECTION ..... Orchestra

"A Pair of Lunatics"

Farce by W. R. Walker.

Mr. Alan Gray, Miss Fanny Harwell.

SONG ..... Miss Helen McCreary

The Doll's Quadrille.

Miss Agnes Bryant, Miss Amelia Norris, Miss Adele Campbell, Miss Marguerite Guirin, Mr. Arthur Gray, Mr. Frederick G. Pangbur, Mr. Allen Bowen, Mr. Barrett Collins.

FINALE ..... Orchestra

Supplemental Music Book.

A program for the ever-popular benefit performance given by the actors' colony.

inee idol and perennial star of "Ben Hur." Take the tall, exclamatory, good-humored person yonder with the obvious toupee. That's De Wolfe Hopper, forever associated with "Casey At The Bat." Take the British-sounding man with the pipe and checked cap. That's Robert Carter, who will appear with Maude Adams in "What Every Woman Knows." Take the pretty, serious child on the fringe of the crowd, with the Alice In Wonderland hair falling over her shoulders. That's Margalo Gillmore. Take, for that matter, the laughing colored boy, who looks like an Arab, just coming out of the newsstand. That's Ed Kelly, dresser to George Primrose of Primrose & Dockstader's

Above: Vincent Serrano, star of Arizona. *Below: The legendary Mrs. G. H. Gilbert.*

Minstrels.

The sunburnt, short-nosed man with roundish eyes is Vincent Serrano, who made a hit in Augustus Thomas' "Arizona." The gray-templed, aggressive individual in the white sombrero is Robert Hilliard, co-starred with Blanche Bates in "The Girl Of The Golden West." (His photograph hangs prominently in Browne's Chop House—forerunner of Sardi's—on Broadway.) The dark man in the dark blue Oxford blazer is Conway Tearle, who will appear in a succession of silent films. So will Brandon Hurst, who is chatting with him. Lovely Isabel Irving may be present, or Percy Haswell, or Elsie Lombard, who played with the elder Jefferson. Or Henrietta Crossman, or young Madge Kennedy, destined for a rapid rise in the profession . . . Frank Gillmore, George Fawcett, Charles Cherry, Walter Hale, John Mason, George Nash, Joseph Kilgour, William Courtleigh, Aubrey Boucicault—they were all there, and children listened open-mouthed to the habitual, trained diction:

"I say, old fellow, shall we see you this evening?"

Playwright Bronson Howard dealt himself endless games of solitaire on the porch of his small cottage. The "Aunt Polly," William Gillette's houseboat, swung gently at her moorings in Nantucket harbor. But only once in a while would you see the quiet man who created the role of "Sherlock Holmes." In another part of the island, Mary Mannering had a rambling establishment, referred to for non-apparent reasons, as a "farm." William Faversham hid away in the minute hamlet of Wauwinet, three miles north of 'Sconset. And it was back there, when Rostand was good boxoffice, that Agnes Everett—perhaps you saw her in "The Argyle Case"—started a tiny teashop called "The Chanticleer." It's still going.

When was all this? It's hard to bracket accurately. But the Hippodrome was comparatively new, and a sensational Spanish clown named Marcelline—remember?—had been given a life contract by its sanguine managers. Scratchy phonograph records were spreading George M. Cohan's "Yankee Doodle Boy"—as sung by Billy Murray—clear across the continent, and Anna Held's picture appeared on cigar boxes. Kilted Harry Lauder and his grotesque stick were headlining, and it meant something in vaudeville when you spoke of the "Gus Sun time," and the "Pantage's circuit." Vesta Victoria waited at the church, Bayes and Norworth chanted "Come Along My Mandy," Montgomery and Stone were an inseparable team, and nothing—Lehar included—had ever topped the romantic appeal of the waltz from "Mlle. Modiste."

It was, in other words, the short, serene period before 1914—when "Teddy," Jack

Promenading on the piazzas and watching the fishing boats was entertainment enough for guests of the Ocean View Hotel and Annex, one of the two hotels at 'Sconset.

London, Caruso and "Mr. Dooley" were standard topics of conversation. Sarah Bernhardt—with her 45 trunks—was being paid $8,000 a week to elevate the two-a-day, and the world's last wonder was the transmission of messages through the air. The first wireless station in America was at 'Sconset, and one of its operators was a slim young man named David Sarnoff.

There was just one summer theatre in the United States, and that was out in Denver, Colorado. The movies—it was still a long way to "The Birth of a Nation"—were inconsequential things in which the flickering images of John Bunny and "Bronco Billy" Anderson might amuse children at five cents a head. (Coney Island's beer gardens showed them "for free.")

Therefore, from late June until the end of August, when casting began, the legitimate players "rested" at 'Sconset. Year after year they returned, regularly as the swallows at Capistrano, via the Fall River Line and the plodding paddle wheel steamers from New Bedford. And the Nantucket *Inquirer and Mirror,* which still keeps its century-old format, would report that William H. Thompson, Frederick Perry, Frank Craven or Digby Bell had "joined the actors' colony out in 'Sconset." There was nothing ephemeral about it. Several of them bought or built cottages. Digby Bell was perpetual president of the golf club, and Frank Gillmore managed the Casino, as he later managed Actors' Equity.

What did they do? They heaved medicine balls at each other, presumably for the sake of their figures. They played, quote, tennis, unquote. They played the worst and most profane golf ever seen or heard on the 'Sconset links. (Levi Coffin's cattle grazed casually there, and frequently drank the water out of the sand boxes on the tees.) They surf-bathed en masse at the "general beach," and stage-struck maidens would surreptitiously collect bits of seaweed on which their favorite stars had sat and press same in their "Memory Books." The swimming costumes of the time were not flattering, but Vincent Serrano displayed the Mercury's foot of the New York Athletic Club on his, and Robert Hilliard always appeared in a gaudy affair of blue and white stripes. Current conventions hampered the ladies with skirted garments, stockings and V-necked, short-sleeved

Swimming, a crude form of tennis and some of the most profane games of golf ever heard on the links were the main outdoor occupations of the 'Sconset actors' colony.

upper arrangements, beneath which—the whisper ran—some of them wore corsets.

What else did they do? Why, on Friday nights, like everyone else, they went to the Casino and danced two-steps and waltzes under the naked flare of the acetylene gas jets—also under the eyes of a double line of formidable, fan-bearing chaperones who saw that decorum was preserved. Gentlemen—and gentlemen only—smoked out on the verandah, and at ten fifty-five, sharp, the three-piece "orchestra" struck resolutely into "Home, Sweet Home." By eleven fifteen the lights were all extinguished, and by eleven thirty, the last caped and pompadoured girl had parted from her escort at the door of her cottage. That was late, for 'Sconset.

Yes, but the actors did more than that. They added, willy-nilly, color, character and romance to a place which, but for them, might have been any other summer resort.

Sit here for a moment on this lump of whalebone in front of the Ocean View Annex and watch what Nantucketers call "the pass."

Leo Ditrichstein, who played "The Great Lover" with Grace George, goes by. Next comes ageing Fred Thorne, English comedian, and his son-in-law Gustav Von Seyffertitz, featured in many silent films. Following them is a young man with an Irish terrier on a leash. He is accompanied by his mother because he is stone-blind. That is Edwin Grasse, violinist, who will have his own concerts in Carnegie Hall . . . The city-dressed man in the high, stiff collar is Daniel Frohman, here on a brief visit. With him is another producer, John Golden. The beardless, bored-looking youth in white flannel trousers is a Yale undergraduate nicknamed "Monty,"—the future "Man Who Came to Dinner." And hush! Do you recognize the handsome woman just entering the newsstand? You should, if you ever saw Weber and Fields. Yes, it's Lillian Russell, herself, and when she is starred in "Wildfire" the critics will have to admit that "fair Lillian is still a peach."

One second more. Please notice the two ladies riding by in the slow-moving surrey. One of them is George Fawcett's wife, Percy Haswell. The other is very old and wears a white lace cap on her white hair. But she holds herself erect, and there is some quality about her thin face that will stick in your mind . . .

No trees, crowded cottages and no plumbing—yet 'Sconset was the summer home of Broadway and the darling of Nantucket.

There was a stage in the Casino—a poor, small thing with tin-shaded, unreliable footlights, and a roll-up, jerky curtain that invariably stuck at the wrong time. "The house" was, roughly, four hundred wooden chairs of the uncomfortable folding kind. The floor being level, it was hard to see anything from a back row. But one night each season—generally in mid-August—the place was jammed—packed out—because the actors were putting on their annual summer show, and next week's issue of the *Inquirer and Mirror* would state that "a vast throng" had witnessed the performance.

The shape of the programs didn't vary much—solos, recitations, skits. May Hampton might come on in blackface to sing George Spink's "Bill Simmons," last of the great "coon songs." You might hear Isabel Irving's incomparable speaking voice in a playlet. A groaning De Wolfe Hopper might be forced into yet another repetition of "Casey At The Bat," and genial George Fawcett might change himself into a monster in a scene from "Jekyll and Hyde." The nervous amateur orchestra would be conducted by young Roy Webb—you've seen his name a thousand times as musical director for Paramount. And occasionally the acetylene lights, dimmed to pin-points, would go out altogether, and the audience would have to sit patiently while they were relit by hand.

It was summer stuff—an evening's entertainment by known, familiar figures—and good, bad or indifferent, the applause was always generous.

Yet there was one night when the sustained volume of that applause startled children in the crowd. The curtain rose on a scene from a play called "A Woman's Won't," and with it rose people from Chicago, Detroit, New York, Cleveland, Boston, St. Louis and even far-away Texas. They stood and clapped and cheered, and it was minutes before the thin-faced, white-haired lady on the stage could speak a line. "Mrs. G. H. Gilbert," the *Inquirer and Mirror* reported, "was given an ovation . . ."

She was eighty-two and legendary. She had played with every great actor and actress of her day—Edwin Forrest, Edwin Booth, Maurice Barrymore, Clara Morris, Fanny Davenport, Ada Rehan. She had been a fixed star in the fabled Augustin Daly Company for thirty years, from its inception in 1869 until Daly's death. She had played in Chicago in 1851, when that young city had only one theatre. She had trouped the Middle West in 1849, when a lot of the travelling had to be done in a covered wagon. William Winter first saw her in New York in 1867, playing a French Marquise in a forgotten drama, and wrote that she gave the most finished performance he had ever seen. Why not? Her experience stretched back to 1833, when she was a child dancer in Her Majesty's Theatre in London, four years

before the coronation of Queen Victoria.

But it failed her that evening. The profession—the combined actors' colony of 'Sconset—presented her with a silver loving cup and a tall rocking chair. Grant Stewart, as spokesman, recited some pleasant, sentimental verses, asking her to remember 'Sconset and the friends she had made "down there."

"For while," he said, "you are
sitting and thinking of them—
"Be sure they are thinking of
you!"

Mrs. Gilbert couldn't respond.

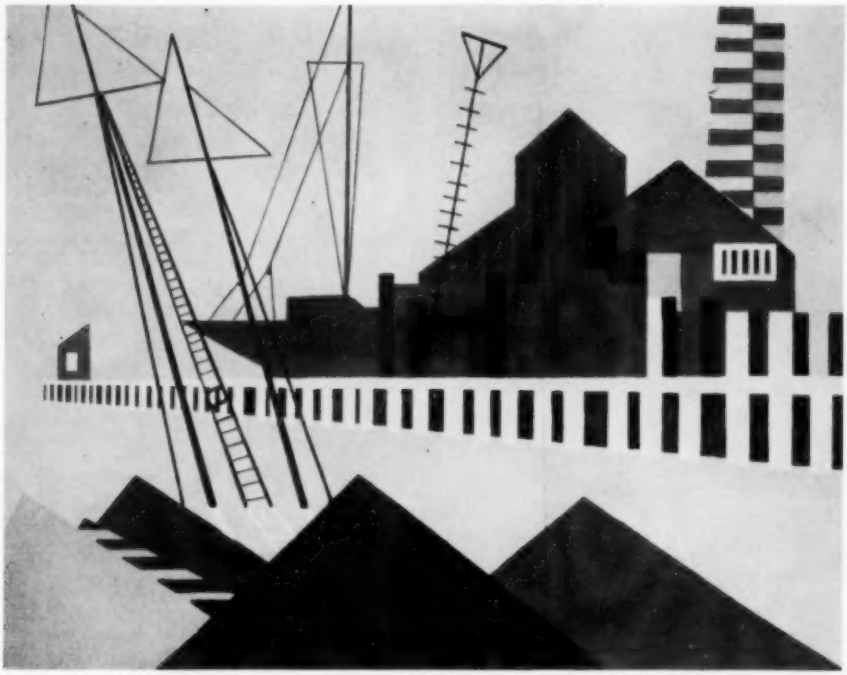
Nothing like that happens in the Casino now. It can't, for the actors' colony has gone. It vanished, like the surreys that "drowsed the long tides idle" in front of the newsstand. Like the funny, two-car train of the Nantucket Railroad, which was sent overseas to help win the first World War. Like the immensely high white masts of the original Marconi station. Like the simplicity that put up with kerosene lamps and other inconveniences.

Present day 'Sconset is civilized, with television antennae, hard-surfaced roads, electric lights, and sprinklers whirling over lawns which were once mostly wild carrot. Jeeps and expensive sports models park where the carriages used to stand, and if you asked for the "Ocean View" or the "Atlantic House," no one would know what you were talking about.

But the impact of the old time still lingers. For, as your lumbering sight-seeing bus approaches a certain section of neat, re-vamped and uninteresting little cottages, your misinformed driver will lean toward his "mike."

"An' this," he tells you, "was the famous actors' colony . . ."

It wasn't. But it's nice to know that they are not forgotten.



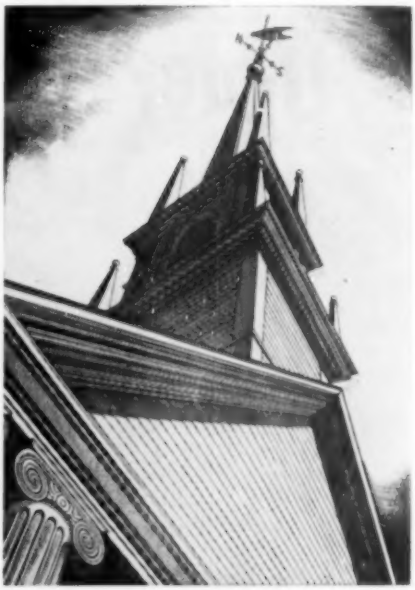
Long Wharf *by John Russell Clift. A graduate of the Boston Museum School, having studied there under Ture Bengtz, Clift was awarded a Travelling fellowship from the School in 1952. His seriographs have been exhibited in many important shows.*

The Boston Printmakers

Lane's Island *by Blair Lent. Graduate of the Boston Museum School in 1953 and a Cummings Memorial Travelling Scholar of the Museum of Fine Arts, Lent's subjects pertain to Boston as well as another of his favorite locales, Vinalhaven, Maine.*

Geranium in the Pit *by Margaret E. Philbrick. Miss Philbrick lives in Northhampton, Mass. and is a graduate of the Massachusetts School of Art. Designer of the Wedgwood Memorial Plates (1944-54) she has exhibited in the U. S. and Europe.*

The Boston Printmakers organization was founded in 1947 by a group of New England graphic artists who felt a need for a society which could hold exhibitions of high artistic standards and to promote interest in the graphic arts in Boston and New England. The Printmakers concentrate on two main exhibitions a year, an Annual Print Exhibition and a Members Drawing Exhibition. The Museum of Fine Arts has loaned Special Exhibition Galleries for the print show, held this past year in December. The Drawing Exhibition was held this year at the Gropper Art Galleries in Cambridge during the Arts Festival Weeks. An hour long television program, "Museum Open House," was given last December on Boston's Channel 2. Many of the Printmakers works were shown and demonstrations were given by members.



Finger in the Sky *by Leo Meissner. This artist lives on Monhegan Island, Maine and concentrates on end-grain woodcuts.*

Under the Rooftops

by Ora Dodd

Driving past the fine big houses on Eastern Point Boulevard in Gloucester, Massachusetts, we catch glimpses of the harbor, blue as the summer skies. We are looking for a place called "Beauport" —not quite sure of what we'll find, but going on trust: Samuel Chamberlain, artist-photographer, liked it enough to make a book of it; the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities proudly owns and displays it, and at least one writer-connoisseur has called it "the most fascinating house in America."

Stop! Here is the life-size painted iron Indian who guards Beauport and the gatehouse through which visitors enter. We're inside, on a pathway which curves through the garden to a canopied door, and we're looking up at an inviting but slightly fantastic house. It seems to belong in a fairy tale—a house with eight chimneys, no two alike, a house of dormers, towers and turrets, with windows of every size and shape. Its brick and stone walls are hung with woodbine and ivy, and adorned with beams, niches, bal-

conies, statues, and pottery animals. Surely someone with a touch of magic built this house? And so it was.

Henry Davis Sleeper was Beauport's creator, and he worked on it for 30 years, seldom by plan, always according to inspiration. He started with a three-room cottage on the site, no more than a vacation retreat. No doubt he chose the name "Beauport" because Samuel Champlain, on his 1605 reconnaissance of what would be Gloucester, called it "Beau Port" (Beautiful Harbor).

More than 20 rooms are shown on the guided tour, and each one has its own flavor. The grandest is the Chinese Room, 35 feet long, with a ceiling 25 feet high, shaped like the inside of a pagoda. It began as a chapel, which Mr. Sleeper then transformed into a Chinese hall. Mrs. Helena McCann, who bought and preserved Beauport after Sleeper's death in 1934, made the only major change in this room, which she turned into a luxurious Chippendale drawing room, with a grand piano, English mahogany furniture, an Italianate marble fireplace, and a magnificent serpentine chandelier of Waterford crystal.

But the glory of the room, in spite of its rich furnishings, is the Chinese hand-painted wallpaper, which Mr. Sleeper discovered. It had been imported, it is said, for the mansion of Lewis Morris, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Never used, it lay in a Marblehead attic for more than a century, until Mr. Sleeper found it and built a room around it. One or more Chinese artists must have spent a lifetime on the painting. One series of pictures shows the making of porcelain; another shows rice growing and harvest. The colors are still vivid and fresh against a cerulean blue background.

The most traditional room? The L-shaped Pembroke kitchen, with its great fireplace, 17th-century pine walls and furniture, taken from an old Cape Cod house, and sideboard laden with pewter and earthenware. Mr. Sleeper was never content just to establish a mood or period—every detail must add to the effect. The Pembroke Room has dozens of accessories, from horn-handled cutlery on the table to a musket hanging on the wall.

The richest room? It could be the 20-foot Octagon Room, with its octagon walls and table, furnished in golden "tiger" or violin maple, with flowery rugs and hangings. Its plum-black walls set off a Chinese red screen, vermilion tole-ware, and crimson-bound books. Every detail—and there are many—blends into and adds to the effect, even the red coat of the officer whose portrait hangs above the fireplace.

The Octagon Room is adorned with "tiger" maple furniture and a red lacquer screen.

The most evocative room? Perhaps that pine-paneled attic gem, the Mariner's Room, which has, scattered carelessly about on its old pine furniture, everything a captain might have used or collected in years at sea: sextant, compass, scrimshaw marlinspike and cribbage board, quadrant, spy-glass. The bound volume of yellowed Essex newspapers is open at the issue of September 10, 1814, with a front-page story of the battle of Lake Erie ("Don't give up the ship"). One feels that if one looks down through the tall windows, one will see a sailing ship advancing up the harbor—or perhaps grey waters waiting for a ship long overdue.

The most beautiful room? Every visitor will make his own choice, but mine would be the "Golden Step" room, with three white walls and a seaward wall of windows which can be lowered into sockets, opening the whole room to the sea air. Dining at the long white table, one might be on a ship's deck, for the view is a 180-degree arc, looking out toward Gloucester, Ten Pound Island, and the reef of Norman's Woe. On the shoreward wall is a six-foot model of the square-rigger, "Golden Step," set on an antique Chinese bench. A half-model and a Gloucester "pinky" also decorate the walls, with ship-carvings of mermen and tropical fruits. Table and shelves are decked with leaf-green English majolica.

The sea is a part of Beauport's attraction. One glimpses it constantly from windows. Its salt-smell and coolness permeate the rooms, large or tiny. The house is built on rusty-pink granite ledges, and is bordered with terraces which overlook the harbor. A long flight of stone steps leads down to the water. The sea helps to keep the house alive. So do the vases and nosegays of fresh flowers in the rooms. And Beauport is in fact still a summer home. When Mrs. McCann died, her children in 1942 bequeathed the place, as her memorial, to the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities. A daughter and her husband live at Beauport during the summer season (when they are there, the Indian Room, their private quarters, and the Mariner's Room, are not open to the public).

We've mentioned only a few of the rooms. We've left out the Jacobean, the Pineapple, the Strawberry Hill Rooms, the Shelley and Byron and Lord Nelson bedrooms, the Tower Library, the collections of old glass and Chinese Export porcelain, beautifully displayed—and the list does not end here. That is one secret of Beauport's attraction: the feeling that around the corner, beyond the next hidden doorway, there is always a treasure to discover for the first time.

The Chinese Room, left, in which handpainted Chinese wallpaper sets off ornate Chippendale mahogany furniture. Right: the windows of Mariner's Room look seaward.

Poetry

Firefly

OLIVER HALE

Day is too huge, the world outlined in sun
stays gross in the mind; only by your light
are the magic-lantern shapes of the night
revealed, the littler, nearer landscapes seen,
where lilliputian winds and insects stir
essential music upon strings of air.

At Morning

DANA SARGENT

Like tall blue cannibals,
These candles will devour themselves,
And this clock that ticks
Will tick only for its own fate.
The silence of this room
Will be an impediment only to itself.
For quickly when the chimney starts
Its big breath in the sky,
The sky also will speak:
Gold and fluent will be its mouth,
Crying orioles in the wind.
For the timekeeping mind,
The sky will keep time
By the dials of sun.
The night-heavy mouth of silence will close
And morning take up the trumpets of breath.

The Satellite

ANN STANFORD

My face is pale,
My hair is bright
When passing lighted ways.
But darkness molds
Each feature's shape
In careless ebonies.

Shall I be moon
Reflecting light
And the echo of voice,
Or metamorphosed
Suddenly
Harden upon the choice.

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We lived a brownstone way, all huddled
Around a stairwell, savages at fires.
Its vertical existence made a hard life dark,
Packed by subversive light about the window bows.

But trees still formed an awkward strip of park
Along the trolley tracks at Brookline's edge.
The late spring brought them green to the banana's yellow,
Piled flat on pushcarts. Wagons of cut flowers
Flaunted the idle riot of their color
Against the Calvin eyes and splintered hoofs
That drew them. Hurdy-gurdies stopped to play
For paper-wrapped flung money from high windows.

With a hi-fi age I fail to be impressed. We saw
The monkey and we heard the single tinkles wrung
From nothing by a handle, and the grinder's tongue,
Violent or suave, for pennies. We saw Venice.

It must be lovely to have ever once been young.

The Mask Remains

JOSEPHINE HOLMES

The straw hut
Is now a modern office.
Soft carpets replace
The former hard-packed earth.

Skulls and herbs
Dipped in blood
Are superseded
By the books
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Man, always horizontal
In these moments,
Now lies on innersprings.

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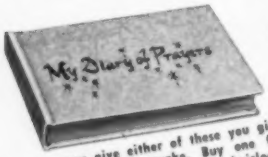

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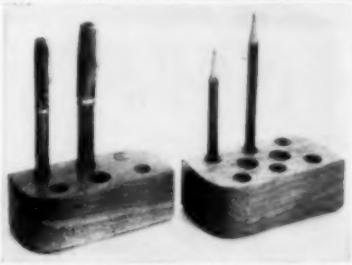

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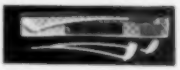

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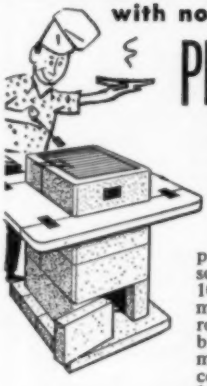

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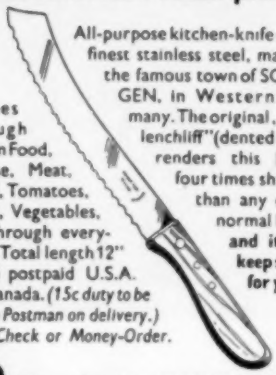

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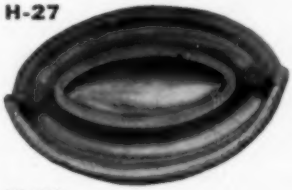

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by Henry Bollman, This month's guest contributor

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However, he stated the very essence of the Yankee ideal of business, which persists to this day in New England. There is now a special revival of that spirit in the general stores, which are springing up everywhere . . . not only in New England, but in other parts of the country. A prominent financial journal states that it is the latest trend in merchandising, and is already classed as "big business."

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Small Business and Crafts

by DAMON RIPLEY

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On the clothing counter is a compact, yet adequate supply of clothing needs for boys and girls. For the boys there are sport shirts, flannelette shirts, coat sweaters, yarn briefs, cotton sweat shirts, corduroy pants, to mention only a few.

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Besides the departments for staples, there are scattered through the store, many specialties, such as pine reproductions of Early American nutmeg cabinets, candle stand with drawer, kitchen match safe, upright wall bracket with drawer . . . made by local craftsmen.

Gloucester, being an art center, has many artists, whose work is represented in beautiful paintings on the walls, and prints and greeting cards on the counters.

Pie baskets, pie crimpers, wooden spoons, bean pots, kerosene lanterns, milking stools, pepper grinders are some of the items which suggest the horse and buggy days but are useful today. Kerosene lanterns were at a premium during the hurricanes of last year.

The store, as a whole, is a fascinating combination of modern merchandising, along with the simple, honest, unhurried, sincere store-keeping of our Yankee ancestors.

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Notes by Damon Ripley

YANKEE's *Roving Reporter*

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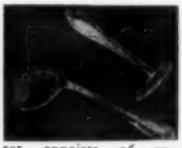

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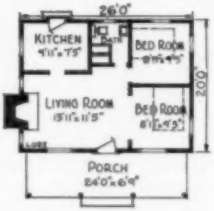

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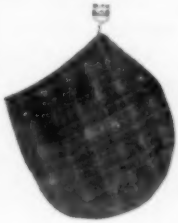

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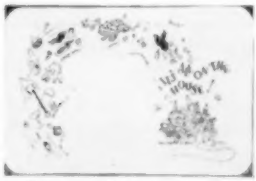

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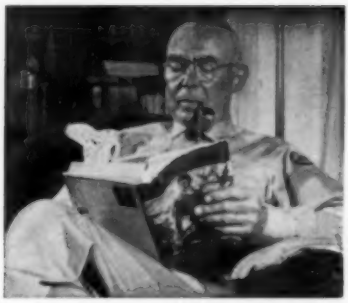

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No letters answered except through this column. Watch for yours.

►*N. Mex.: Dear Oracle:* I live in a house that is out in the open. There is no high land, trees or other building within a mile. Yet, when the wind is just right my chimney smokes. How do you account for it, and what can I do about it? It's driving me crazy! U.H.

Answer: Under the circumstances that you state there can be only one cause; you have got a leak in your vacuum. Plug that, and you've got it made. The only other thing to do is move.

►*Ariz.: Dear Oracle:* It seems to me that men's trousers are the most shapeless, obnoxious things on earth! Why don't they make them less floppy and baggy? (Miss) Prudence H.

Answer: But they did, once, and do you know the womenfolks complained so that they made 'em baggy!

►*Ind.: Dear Oracle:* All through the West men wear boots when they "dress up." In the East, they are hardly ever seen. Being comfortable, light and not too bad to look at, I wonder why. A.C.

Answer: Eastern men used to wear boots for dress, and long before there was any West known. But they walked a good deal more than Western men, and their feet got so big that it took two calf-skins to make a pair of boots. The expense was so great that they went out of style.

►*Iowa: Dear Oracle:* "—and I don't see any reason why pole beans have to be trained to climb a stick! S.V.

Answer: They don't. But one time a neighbor of our's trained his to run on a fence and they found the going so easy that half of 'em went clean off the farm. And then the owner of the land refused to let him come and pick 'em and they had a fight and our neighbor lost three of his front teeth. And then they went to court and the judge said that no man had a right to turn loose anything alive and moving on to the property of another and so the neighbor had to pay damages and costs. You'd better stick to the poles, brother, they are less expensive!

►*Kans.: Dear Oracle:* Would you know what sort of feed a chicken might prefer if he had his choice? I am experimenting. I.J.

Answer: We have had occasion to delve into this subject some. We find that a chicken, or fowl, will eat all kinds of grain, fruit, raw, cooked or rotten, any vegetable, meat, bone, gristle, glass, nails, gravel, watchkeys, nuts, bolts, if they ain't too big, false teeth, grass, buds, carpet tacks, and the heft of breakfast foods. We say the heft of 'em. There is one, we won't mention the name, that is advertised as being the biggest seller in the nation. That kids and grown-ups holler for it, and gain weight from eating it. But somehow we haven't been able to get a chicken to even smell of the stuff!

►*Ohio: Dear Oracle:* Is there any superstition about which boot or shoe should be put on first? O.J.

Answer: Yes. Anciently, the devil was supposed to prowl about on earth and men were afraid of being taken for him and maybe assaulted before they could prove their identity. The devil's left foot is supposed to be cloven, and so men would put the right boot on first to prove that they weren't afraid to exhibit the left.

►*Miss.: Dear Oracle:* I am a young, married woman and an argument threatens to disrupt our respective families. It is whether or not married couples should sleep in a double bed. What is your opinion? (name and initials withheld.)

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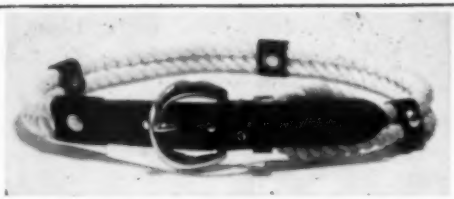

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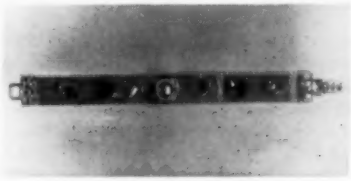

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A Bookstore Run For Fun

(*Continued from page 37*)

restraints. His tolerance for the failings of others gains their affection. And he is kind. The other day as a customer went out an alley cat ran in. Instead of hooshing the cat out, Gordon looked at him a moment and then said, "He's cold," and let him stay. He had put himself in the cat's place, and the result was a warm feeling and a kind act.

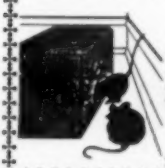
Such a man does a lot of good. He not only provides a refuge for the Cambridge wits, who offer him the questionable repayment of putting him into their articles and books: he lends his customers money as well as solace and sympathy. He writes soothing letters to those unfortunates who have had to leave Cambridge. He comforts the wives of poets. He baby-sits for the young married instructors. He buys an old book from a student who needs train fare to New York. If an artist is broke, Gordon puts his pictures on top of the bookshelves and plugs them for sale. There are several there now. He helps publishers to find books, and authors to find publishers, writer to find writer, and scholar, scholar: his store is a meeting place. He cheers the despondent and comforts the afflicted. He visits the sick, and he loves funerals, keeping a separate suit inviolate for these favorite functions. Last year he allowed a girl who was writing a novel, to work in the back room, a catchall, which contains a desk and a telephone under a green metal shade suspended from the ceiling, a huge curved hook fastening the rear door, which opens and shuts with an Inner Sanctum groan, and a mountain of cartons and wrapping paper which would delight the heart of an arsonist. The girl was so grateful she cleaned up that Chamber of Horrors, a monumental job, but to Gordon's mixed satisfaction and dismay, for change even for the better is hard for him to take. But he did like the check which turned up toward the bottom of the pile of papers on his desk. The customer had died but his check was still good.

Gordon Cairnie is an individual, chuckablock full of Scotch and Yankee independence. He wears what he pleases—usually a cap, a Harris tweed jacket, sagkneed chino pants, and long underwear in

the winter, unironed striped half-sleeveless jerseys in the summer, and he wears out one tie at a time. He scorns consistency: he will work harder to save a penny than he will to earn a dollar. He thinks what he pleases, does what he pleases. He has a horror of draughts and fears colds. On cold days you'll find him capped, overcoated and overshoed, sitting on the couch, or, more rarely, running his vacuum cleaner. If a customer fails to close the door tight, Gordon leaps up, pushes the door shut with a loud and disapproving slam, looking dark thoughts. The old customers understand this: they know it's an act, know Gordon's bark is worse than his bite. But strangers don't.

Curious as a squirrel, Gordon collects news and passes it on. He is the town-crier, the clearing house for Harvard Square news. His store is his salon, the seat of his social life, the stage from which he projects himself. It is one of the few city places of business left where people can meet, talk, and take their ease. His shop is not so much a livelihood as a way of life. That's why he'll never sell it, although somebody tries to buy it from time to time, somebody who is sure he could make more money at the stand than Gordon does.

He hasn't had a bargain sale in his thirty years of business, and he has been known to take books home to his house in Belmont to save them from the clutching hands of an importunate customer. In a world of more and more machine made things, in which the heart withers and fewer and fewer men dare claim the right to be themselves, he and his handrun store are rare relics. As Bill Fleming, the grizzled, Dundrearyish janitor in the building which houses Gordon's shop, says, dolefully, "There's a man will be missed when he's gone." Bill, who drops in the shop a dozen times a day to talk politics and poetry, says this as if Gordon's going was just around the corner, but the latter'll be around a long time, providing a theatre for the education of self of which many Harvard and Radcliffe students and professors, past and present, young and old, have taken good advantage. He wants to live forever, and it wouldn't surprise me if he did—almost. When he does go, a Cambridge institution goes with him. But he will live on in story like his predecessor John Bartlett of "Bartlett's Quotations" fame, who ran another humane and humanistic bookstore a hundred years ago a scant three blocks up the avenue.



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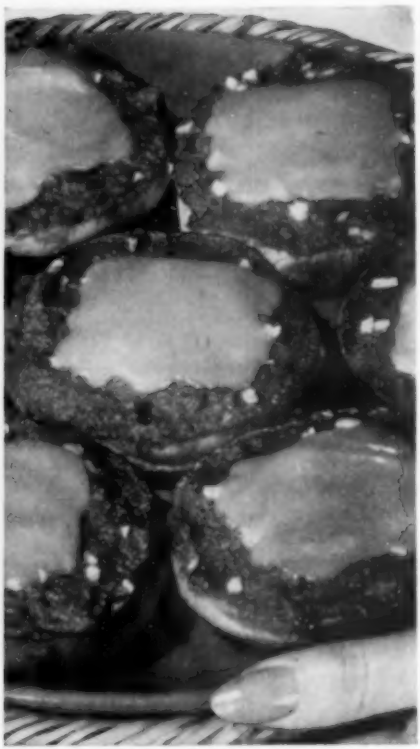
From the kitchen of Duncan MacDonald... two easy summer recipes for Underwood Deviled Snacks

Duncan MacDonald is well-known to YANKEE readers as Food Editor of this magazine and star of the Yankee Home and Food Show.

Like most food experts, Duncan MacDonald chooses Underwood Deviled Ham for snacks, sandwiches, and spreads. She prefers Underwood because she knows it's made only from selected *whole hams*, carefully cured and blended with a secret formula of spices for a wonderful, can't-be-copied whole-ham flavor.

Here are two of her favorite "Shorties" made with Underwood. We think they'll be *your* summer favorites, too!



Deviled Ham Stuffed Eggs . . . a special party treat that picks up picnics, too! Remove yolks from 6 halved, hard-cooked eggs. Mash with 1 2¼-oz. can Underwood Deviled Ham, ½ tsp. salt, ½ cup mayonnaise, 1 tsp. minced onion, 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce, 1 tbsp. lemon juice. Refill whites with deviled mixture and sprinkle with paprika. Fill a scooped-out tomato with cottage cheese topped with spoonful of deviled mixture and arrange eggs around tomato on a platter. Serve with crisp Melba toast or salty rye slices. Extra good with cold cuts.

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June Is A Happy Companion!

by DUNCAN MACDONALD

NOW MORE THAN EVER IS IT pleasing to take to the open road. Friends or relatives, mountain, farm, or seashore—whatever lies at the end of the leafy avenue, June goes along as a happy traveling companion.

No month is this for going on a straight line like the unimaginative crow, but one for wandering happily and turning off on beguiling paths along the way.

At the end of one bypath well worth taking is the Royall House in Medford, Massachusetts, little publicized considering that it is one of our handsomest 18th Century houses—with part of it dating from 1637. This early date is that of Governor John Winthrop's farmhouse, purchased in 1732 by Colonel Isaac Royall, a wealthy merchant who established the Royall Professorship at Harvard Law School. Royall used one wall of the old farmhouse in building the present structure.

After more than 300 years, here is still a really noble house that has been repainted, redecorated, and just generally revived with complete and tender devotion to the spirit of the 18th Century.

The main room of the house is the "West Parlor" which is generously light-

At Home In New England

Duncan MacDonald seems ready to tour Old New England in an old car. She is shown at the wheel of a 1911 Simplex that is the center of attention at the current series of meets of The Veteran Motor Car Club of America. Duncan is heard Monday through Friday over WNAC, Boston and the Yankee Network. Right: The Marble Room of the Royall House.

ed on two sides by four large (24 small panes each) windows and focuses on an exquisite tile fireplace. In deciding how to repaint this room, Arthur Finney of Medford, who has lavished his affection and his decorator's skill on the house for many years, scraped down a little patch of the paint, coat by coat, to determine the original color. The next problem was to decide what color to have the silk damask draperies. This was chosen to match the antique mauve fireplace tiles, giving the room a deft color pattern and keeping the focus on the fireplace.

Draperies in the house were contributed by the noted Scalamandre who flew up from New York and in a burst of enthusiasm offered anything that was needed in the way of draperies and other materials from his work rooms.

In the dining room we find panelling painted to simulate cedar which, strangely, was characteristic of the period. The windows are draped with an authentic blue "resist" print, and the valances are designed on a contemporary pattern.

What was evidently the master bedroom has always been called the "Marble Chamber," a name that puzzled people who did not know of the itinerant painters who busied themselves simulating marble as well as cedar. An inventory in 1739 described this room as having green woodwork, two walls covered with leather painted in China, and draperies, bedcovering, and upholstery of crimson damask. Ornamental pilasters in the room have now again been faithfully marbelized, and Mr. Finney, following the 18th Century custom, has done a primitive painting of the estate, applying it directly to a

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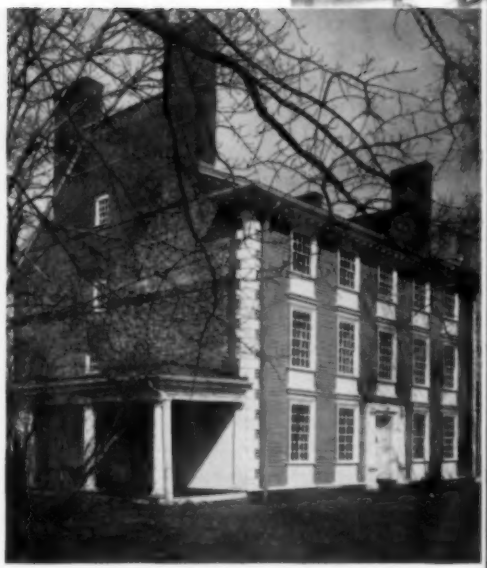

Three-quarter profile of the imposing Royall House in Medford, Massachusetts.

panel over the fireplace. This room, in addition to its own distinction, has the historic distinction of having been the conference room of General Washington and General Stark during the seige of Dorchester Heights in 1775.

Since 1908 the Royall House has been owned by the Royall House Association which preserves it as a historic site and keeps it open to the public daily except Monday and Friday, May 1 to October 15, from 2 to 5 p.m. Charge for admittance is 50 cents, this income helping to pay the house's running expenses. The Association also adds to its income through an annual art exhibit which is held this year for a week beginning June 8 and should make

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"Of course," she says, "it is traditionally made of white perch, brook trout, or river salmon, still chilly from the clear, cold water. However, any fresh or frozen fish will do admirably. Prepare the chowder a day ahead in an iron kettle, stainless steel or enamel saucepan.

"Get out Grandmother's red tablecloth and white ironstone soup tureen and settle down to a real Yankee 'feed.'"

Note the easy step-by-step directions, which are typical of this cookbook:

One Day Ahead

A Prepare through Step 4. Refrigerate in covered bowl.

B Twenty minutes before serving, proceed with Step 5.

2 pounds fresh or frozen fish fillets
2 cups water
4 medium yellow onions, peeled and sliced thin
4 medium white potatoes, peeled and sliced thin
4 cups milk
½ pint heavy cream
4 tablespoons butter
Salt
Pepper

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2 Add onions to stock. Simmer 5 minutes, or until tender.
3 Add potatoes. Simmer until tender, but not mushy.
4 Flake fish; return to stock. Add milk, cream, and butter. Salt and pepper to taste.
5 Heat, but do not boil. Stir occasionally to mix, taking care not to break potato slices.
6 Garnish with old-fashioned round water crackers, split and toasted.

If you want to use the real old hand-made crackers referred to by Miss Merrill, you may have difficulty in finding them. The only place I know is the G. H. Bent Company of 7 Pleasant Street, Milton, Massachusetts.

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For a salad to go with this hearty chowder, Mary Merrill suggests a cabbage salad with walnuts—"a Maine church supper dish often served with Saturday night beans," and "a tasty addition to the cold meat platter."

One Day Ahead
A Prepare through Step 4.
B Just before serving, proceed with Step 5.
2 pounds cabbage, quartered, hard core removed
1 large green pepper, cored and seeded
1 cup walnut meats, coarsely cut

Dressing
1 cup Mayonnaise
1 tablespoon dry mustard
1 teaspoon malt vinegar
Juice of ½ lemon
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon black pepper
1 tablespoon minced onion
½ cup light cream

Garnish
Boston lettuce
4 tomatoes, peeled and sliced

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1 Place cabbage and green pepper in wooden bowl. Chop fine.
2 Combine all ingredients of dressing in bowl. Beat with a wooden spoon.
3 Add dressing to vegetables. Stir until mixed.
4 Refrigerate, covered, at least 2 hours.
5 Just before serving, add nuts.
6 Garnish with lettuce and tomatoes.

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For another soup 'n' salad combination, we look into a new cookbook called "The Summer Kitchen" by Louise Andrews Kent and her daughter, Elizabeth Kent Gay. As in other Kent cookbooks, "Mrs. Appleyard" is the witty protagonist. She suggests Vermont Cheese Soup, and begins by cutting finely:

½ cup celery
½ cup carrots
½ cup onion
½ cup green pepper

Cook the above gently in ¼ cup butter or chicken fat till the onion is tender and pale gold in color. Then add 2 cups chicken stock and let it simmer. While the vegetables are cooking, make this sauce:

6 tablespoons butter
6 tablespoons flour
1 cup grated cheese
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3 cups ordinary milk and
1 cup cream
salt and pepper to taste

Melt the butter. Blend in the flour. Reduce heat; blend in the milk and cream. Add cheese and seasonings—salt, pepper, a pinch of mixed herbs . . . The vegetables should not be mushy but slightly crisp . . . Stir and serve.

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Mrs. Kent also passes on a Fruit and Scallion Salad that she says was given to her by a friend in Montpelier: Combine sections from 1 grapefruit and 1 orange; 1 avocado, diced; 1 green pepper, sliced thin; 1 bunch scallions, finely cut; and lettuce. Toss together with French dressing.

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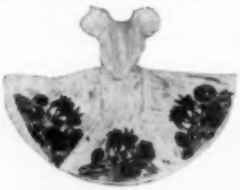

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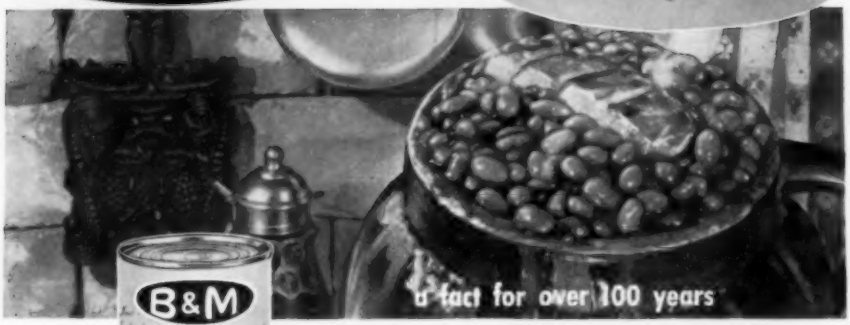

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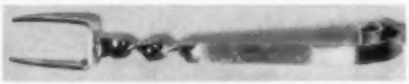

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AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED, June, the traditional month for bustin' out all over, started the first week in March. Something in my horoscope must have called for public platform and lectern. Three speaking engagements in as many weeks have left me both exhilarated and limp. (If you'd rather not hear about it, flip over to the Swopper's Column or the ads for deerskin gloves. You can't say I didn't warn you.)

UNACCUSTOMED AS I AM

Two of these unexpected appearances before the public sprang from my association with YANKEE, and more enjoyable encounters I have never had. The first was an invitation to speak before a local group of authors on the Ciardi-Lindbergh controversy then burning up the pages of *The Saturday Review*. Their reason for asking me, the President explained, was because I was both a poet and an editor of poetry. Having just delivered myself of a two-page letter of indignation to Norman Cousins, editor of SR, I was full of the subject, and quite happy to talk about it. (For those of you who didn't read the pros and cons of this *cause celebre*, John Ciardi in reviewing Anne Lindbergh's *The Unicorn*, delivered such a verbal pasting that it will undoubtedly go down in history as one of the most vituperative bits of criticism ever to find its way into print. The reaction was the biggest storm of protest in the history of the magazine.) One of the other speakers that evening was Courtnay Anderson (whose wife sat next to me at the head table and told me she was from Manchester, Massachusetts, and an enthusiastic subscriber to YANKEE.) Mr. Anderson was exposed to New England during his college days at Dartmouth, and his recent book, published by Little, Brown, carries the charming title *To The Golden Shore*. It's the story of Adoniran Judson, the first American missionary to a foreign country, and if you haven't read it, do. Among the many guests were Dr. and Mrs. Robert Moore of Borestone Mountain, Maine (he is noted for his Poetry Awards anthologies and generous prizes in the field of poetry). Presiding was Margaret

Attentive students of Dominican College listen as Jean Burden gives a lecture on

Leighton, born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, daughter of the famous Harvard Economics professor, Thomas Nixon Carver, who at 92 is still active and writing. Margaret is the author of many books for children, notably *Judith of France* and *The Sword and the Compass*. A delightful evening with stimulating, creative people—and all because I was a member of the YANKEE family.

The second sortie was a weekend for YANKEE in San Francisco, prompted by an invitation to speak to the creative writing students of Dominican College in San Rafael. How I happened to get that far afield is explained by the fact that one of the English professors there, Sarah (Sally) Wingate Taylor, had been in correspondence with me about poetry for a year or more, and we had become friends. Never having met me, she bravely asked me to talk to her girls, and I, equally bravely, accepted. I don't know how many times in the intervening weeks she woke in the night wondering if she had lost her good New England common sense—Sally is of solid Yankee stock and knows better—but I never had a qualm. Under a stormy sky, with soft spitting rain alternating with bright sunshine, we drove the 17 miles from my hotel to San Rafael (named because of its climate for the Angel of Healing), across The Golden Gate Bridge—a span so beautiful one is sure it must lead to something more celestial than "the other side" of the Bay—and turned off into the 150 acres of woods, meadows, orchards and lawns that is Dominican campus.

No words of mine, no Technicolor movie, could bring you half the picture. I would need to bottle some of the fragrances too (eucalyptus and incense cedar among many—my nose was quivering like a happy spaniel's most of the day); I would have to pick for you a spray of the flowering plum or put into your hands a handful of daffodils that lined the paths, or the spicy eglantine we rubbed between our fingers. Even more than that. I would have to communicate at a level deeper than words the spirit of the place. Did you ever step into a home and know immediately and intuitively that the people who lived there loved each other? This is what I felt at Dominican. I was surrounded not only by gaiety and youthful high spirits, not just by an almost tangible serenity, but by a radiant and robust affection. I felt it moving out from the walls as we ate lunch, deftly served us by one of the younger nuns; I touched it in Sister Thomas's handshake and heard it in College President Sister Patrick's warm words of welcome. It was shining out of a roomful of smiling students gathered to greet me in the living room of "Meadowlands," the Freshman dormitory. What did I tell them? Something about the artist-artisan split personality of the writer and how to harness the two sides of our natures into a working team. Something about the importance of writing from one's own center instead of from someone else's. A plea for non-conformity, for peeling off the outer layers to lay bare the responsive querying innocence that is our core, and from which we

creative writing. At the far right is Meadowlands, the dormitory where she lectured.

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create. Afterwards Sally and I walked back to the Library, trailed by a quartet of students. I couldn't help but think of myself twenty years ago in a similar setting, of all the dreams I had then that didn't come true, and of the unexpectedly beautiful things that did. I looked at those young unmarked faces. They would never be quite that happy again, never in just that way. But I didn't tell them that.

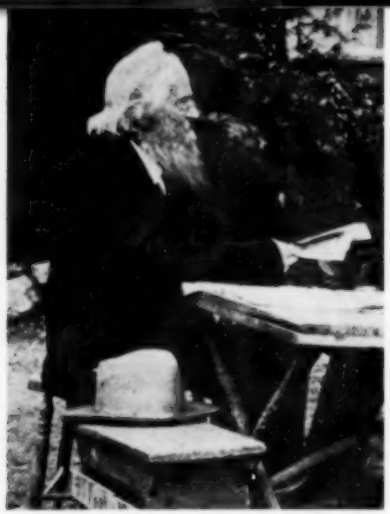
To Sally Wingate Taylor and all the many others who made this visit so unforgettable—herewith my public thanks!

THE NEXT DAY

A friend looked at me in horror. "You mean to tell me you are planning to entertain fifteen poets in *one* room! You're out of your mind! They're the most egocentric people in the world!" I assured her I was going to do just that, and explained sweetly that I was sure nothing but good would come of it. Nothing but good did. A dear San Francisco friend, Louise Bray, loaned her apartment for the occasion, as well as her talents for brandy-rum punch and hors d'oeuvres. The sun shone after the rain, and a brisk wind blew from the Bay. Among those gathered in the sunny living room for good conversation about poetry in general and YANKEE in particular, were Madeline Gleason, James Broughton, Eve Triem, Alan W. Watts (famous for his books and lectures on Zen Buddhism and comparative religion) Elma Dean, Dana Sargent, Sarah Wingate Taylor and Olive Thurman Wong. Eric Barker was expected from Big Sur but he was kept behind by a documentary film at Pt. Lobos in which he and Novelist Henry Miller had parts. I can herby relate that as far as I am concerned a roomful of poets is as delightful an assembly as could be imagined! Fie on the stereotypers—not a one wore sandals or a beard!

FROM DUBLIN TO YOSEMITE

This bridge we are both creating and recording between the east and west is woven of many strands. I was going to tell you that June is the best month to visit Yosemite—the falls are falling, and the



Galen Clark, guardian of the redwoods.

biggest crowds of the summer season haven't begun to pack yet. Then I discovered that Galen Clark, the first white man to see the mammoth redwoods in Mariposa Grove, and one-time guardian of Yosemite Valley, spent his childhood in Dublin, New Hampshire! As I say—of many strands.

FAN MAIL

From Boston and Los Angeles come words of praise for the WCL. I have been dodging so many spitballs over this column that it is a pleasure to quote the following excerpts: From a writer in Boston: "The West Coast Letter is an absolute gem, witty and sparkling and informative." From a reader in Los Angeles: "I like your style—free and easy. Your article gives much information about California . . . A western article ruin YANKEE? Some of those who objected do not realize that we have Yankees galore, plus history ditto, some of it as old as the east has. Too bad a few think that we are not "fittin" to be in Yankee . . . Your article has added much to the magazine."

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Growing Flowers by John H. Tobe, 367 pages, $5.00 from the author at St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada. Rambling treatment of garden themes interspersed with anecdotes, philosophy and humor.

Herbs Described by Eleanor Pierrepont Chalfin, 52 pages, no price given, Mutual Press, Lynchburg, Va. Thumb nail sketches of 200 varieties—counsel—and facts.

Longfield, by Josephine Knowlton, illustrated, $7.00, Oxford Press, Box 728, Providence, R. I. Story of the Gibson family and homestead at Bristol, R. I.

The Vengeful Sea, by Edward Rowe Snow, 307 pages, $4.00, Dod, Mead Company, New York. Sea disasters and storms told in the popular Snow manner. YANKEE readers always enjoy Snow's stories—this is a book full of them you will surely want.

When Did it Happen? by Stanford Mirkin, 434 pages with Index, Ives Washburn Co., N.Y.C. Handy comprehensive book of dates of what's happened on each day of the year since goodness knows when—amusingly and intelligently explained. The author has "swiped" a few from *The Old Farmer's Almanac*—no doubt unwittingly—but we'll soon return the favor. One of his most fascinating dates is that for 1837, June 20th—the day Victoria demanded a room of her own. It's an accurate job this and well done but just for the reason it is rainy and cold outside at the moment we'll jibe that Kidd was "gibbeted" rather than "hanged," that the earth went through the tail of Halley's Comet instead of the Comet "passing over the sun," and that Germany surrendered at 6:01 P.M. E.W.T. May 8, 1945 rather than on the day before. What's that you said, Mr. Mirkin?

Reprints by Lawrence Romaine of Middleboro, Massachusetts. One is about a witness to the surrender of General Hull at Detroit, August 16, 1812—the other about a veteran who marched from Cambridge to Champlain March 18 to May 5, 1776. Sort of historical diaries, we'd say, in limited editions. The two for fifteen dollars.

Camping Characters on Casco Bay by Katherine F. Berry. 176 pages, $3.50, Falmouth Pub. Co., 24 Preble St., Portland, Maine. Bungalow existence of the Berry family near New Meadows about 1900.

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Narrative History of Cohasset, Massachusetts, Vol. 2, 338 pages with Index, and Town Map. By Burtram J. Pratt, under auspices of Committee on Town History. No price given. Available from Mr. Pratt, 70 Ripley Road, Cohasset. A worthy, readable, historic document, 1898 to about 1950.

"Phiz" Illustrations from the Novels of Charles Dickens, by Albert Johannsen, University of Chicago Press, 442 pages, $8.95. A complete set of the 516 duplicate plates etched by H. K. Browne ("Phiz") for seven of Dickens' major novels. Contrary to widespread belief it was Browne and not Cruikshank who made most of the famous Dickens illustrations.

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This Day's Madness, by Frederic F. Van de Water, 278 pages, $3.95, Ives Washburn, 55 Fifth Ave., NYC. "Parker's Falls, Vermont" and its troubles with a tyro, school teacher, pretty girl, and education. We can guess the locale of this novel but we aren't saying. Which reminds us that we hear that Woodstock, Vermont, may be chosen for the filming of Peyton Place, a New Hampshire novel of which New Hampshire ain't proud. Wonder what the Governor of Vermont is saying to the Governor of New Hampshire about this deal. Whatever it may be, we can wager the latter is telling the former, "You can have it."

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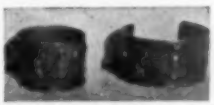

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Want a harp. Please advise: size, make, model, age, and condition. I have to swop outboard motor; saddle

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Will swop late model flash camera, size 120 for cake with most'est layers. JU229 Pa.

Have electric deep fat fryer (used little) fishing tackle, photo equipment new and used, and more. Want binoculars, photo equipment, amber glass and your list. JU230 Mass.

Will send you 6 pair of used earrings in good condition mounted on cards in receipt of any foreign doll at least 6 inches tall preferably Scandinavian, Alaskan, French, or English for my collection. JU231 Mass.

Swop 4x5 Pacemaker Crown Graphic for Contex, Nikon, Leica, or 35mm—2¼ x 3¼ enlarger or other photo equipment of equal value to pro photographer. Also antique child's wagon complete with buggy seats, make offer. JU232 Mass.

Swop two pairs black silk two-snap gloves (like Grandmother wore) sizes seven and eight. One pair never worn for most anything. JU233 Conn.

Want old clock with wooden movement. Will swop seven foot rowboat, 16" wheel bicycle or what do you want? JU234 Mass.

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To swop 1932 Plymouth sedan for printing press, or carpenters tools. JU248 Vt.

Will swop: Antique Red Bull's Eye Hanging Lamp (11" high), Captains Maps, Gone with Wind—Top Globe, Antique (1865) Rosaries, cut glass, etc. Want Old Iron Toys, Banks, Colored Glass, etc. (List). JU249 Me.

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Have Banjo, kayak, and other things. Would like camping equipment. JU259 Mass.

Want old button strings or boxes, colored glass salt dips (or unusual shapes) old hatpins, cranberry glass, swop for duplicate salts, old buttons or salt and peppers. JU260 O.

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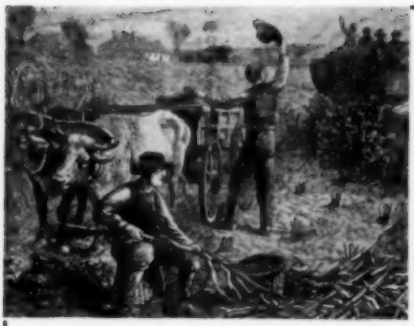

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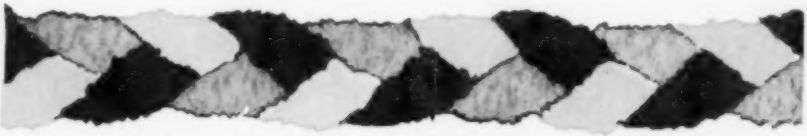

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